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Wilsonism and Its Appeal

According to the Long Branch dispatches, President Wilson returned from his last Western trip cheerful and confident.

It would be foolish to deny that Mr. Wilson thoroughly represents one phase of current Americanism.

For a generation past our three most unwholesome national characteristics have been: superficiality, sentimentalism and unrestrained optimism.

We comforted ourselves in the delusion that words are the power that moves the world.

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That costs nothing beyond the intellectual exertion of translating a sham sentimentality into unctuous phrases.

Mr. Wilson has talked on occasions about freeing American commerce and industry, so that they may invade and capture the markets of Latin America.

But if Americans investing in undeveloped countries are not to be protected in rights guaranteed to them by treaty, what chance can they have competing in those countries with the citizens and subjects of other nations which have not yet foolishly abandoned "the familiar policy of Rome and Great Britain?"

Mr. Wilson prides himself on being a prophet of democracy. But he is a false prophet.

Mr. Wilson flatters our vices. His teaching is therefore an evil service to democracy.

To what is shoddy and flabby in current Americanism Mr. Wilson undoubtedly does appeal.

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police, doing their duty under orders, or it may come from "special deputies" armed with revolvers and repeating rifles.

The Big Winter

Warm or cold, snowy or clear, the coming winter is already taking shape as one of the biggest money seasons that this town of much spending has ever seen.

The million-share stock market helped temporarily to absorb some of the country's spare cash.

French Courage

A new and interesting little volume of the war is a handbook of advice for the French infantryman, "Conseils aux Fantassins pour la Bataille," by André Lafargue, captain in the 153d Regiment.

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They Do Not Deserve Any Privileges in Our Harbors

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: I wish to ask you to voice a protest, and a most bitter protest, against the declaration of President Wilson published this morning that German submarines of any or all kinds are welcome to use our ports.

The Iron Gates of the Danube

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Ineffective Ammunition

To the Editor of The Tribune.

The Southern Democracy

To the Editor of The Tribune.

The Bremen Fake

HEART BEATS TO TICKER TIME

Fears for American Trade Prevent This Nation from Acting for Humanity—Travellers Report We Are Despised Abroad

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: Are we a nation of weaklings? Have we any international morality, any convictions, or are we too proud to fight and more intent upon selling our birthright for a mess of pottage while the price is high?

Have we the testimony of all returning travellers that we are despised for our sordidness and devotion to making money out of the world's Armageddon.

Have we put our conscience into cold storage? Do we sell sympathy this way? And yet we call ourselves a Christian nation.

Why Don't Respectable Americans Treat Them as Equals?

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: It seems that there is difficulty in enlisting the number of desirable men now needed for the ships of our navy.

Have our "men-of-war-men" (as we dignify them in our recruiting literature) no special claim on us that we feel entitled to consider them strangers and to hold ourselves aloof from them?

"I Have Just Begun to Write!"

To the Editor of The Tribune.

U. S. SUBMARINE EXPERTS IGNORED

Never Heard by Congress When Submersible Programme Is Made

By CUSHING STETSON

The greatest satisfaction was expressed by naval officers yesterday that the Tribune had published the fact that not one of the submarines on the Atlantic Coast was fit to render efficient service.

The Secretary of the Navy, after pointing out, had it within his power and could easily have created such a bureau at the time when he appointed Rear Admiral Grant as the head of the submarines.

It is possible that the United States is going through precisely what every European nation with any pretence at having an efficient navy went through long ago, and that there was plenty of time to plan and execute a part of the destroyer fleet.

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500,000 SAILORS AIDED

Seamen's Friend Society's Work Cited

Here, Annual Report Shows

In compiling his annual report George S. Webster, secretary of the Seamen's Friend Society, has found that the Seamen's Friend Society has been doing a great deal of work in the last year.

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THE HAPPINESS OF THE FOOL

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: Apropos of Pollyanna and the glad feeling, we should read George Borrow's "Lavengro," chapter XVIII, page 111; thus: "Thou wouldst be a fool, wouldst thou? then be a fool."

What good did it do for a few impotent Belgians to resist with popguns the giant howitzers of inevitable Prussia? Moral good that saved a world!

Did futile old John Brown contribute anything to the settlement of the "Slave question" when with a handful of Kansas roughnecks he attacked the whole United States army?

Did the Lexington farmers contribute anything "from behind each fence and farmyard wall?"

Economic pressure to-day is driving Americans from the soil. Their place is being taken by the down-trodden Greeks of Europe.

In the East, Portuguese, Italians and other submergent peasant types from South Europe. The people do not read or write. Their physical energy is so great and their standard of living so low that they can subsist and thrive where the American stock degenerates and perishes under the strain.

America is to be defended from the predatory Prussian or other grabbers of the earth, the American must not be driven from his own soil by economic oppression. This is the cry of the quick and the slow.

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